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The following observations were made in ALLENBURG (N 51/K 27) between 30 September and 9 November 1949:

1. Alte Infanterie Kaserne on the eastern side of Leipziger Strasse:

30 September 1949

a. An artillery unit of about 100 men with four 152-mm guns towed by caterpillar tractors, three Studebaker trucks and five SIZ trucks left for the railroad station to be entrained. The prime movers were [REDACTED]. The train left for the ALLENBURG (N 51/Z 00) troop training grounds. 25X1

1 October 1949

b. Six 102-mm AT guns with caterpillar tractors were entrained for NEUBRANDENBURG (N 51/J 26).

3 October 1949

c. Artillery units of about 1,000 troops returned from maneuvers in the OHRDRUF (N 51/J 15) area.

6 November 1949

d. The Kaserne was still occupied by artillery units of more than 1,000 troops, including recruits. Besides previously observed 100 and 150-mm guns and AT guns of about 40 mm caliber, a 102-mm AT gun with about 15-foot long barrel with muzzle brake (barrel slightly tapering toward the muzzle) on a carriage with dual tires was seen.

Truck [REDACTED] occupied by three artillery officers, and truck [REDACTED] were identified.

2. Artillerie Kaserne on the western side of Leipziger Strasse:

8 October 1949

a. More than 1,000 troops who had/been stationed in the [REDACTED] previously.

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Kaserne returned from maneuvers in the GEORGENHALL (A 51/J 05) area. AT guns of 45, 57, 76 and 102 mm caliber were observed with the units. The latter type AT gun had only recently been issued to the troops. It was said that, during maneuvers near COMA, this AT gun had been tested in firing, with one armor-piercing shell allegedly penetrating four houses without detonating.

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10 October 1949

15 October 1949

c. One penal company, primarily Mongolians, arrived. The soldiers repeatedly assaulted German civilians.

Mid-October 1949

d. It was learned that a regimental commander from the Kaserne has been at the MOSCOW war academy since October 1948 and was expected to return in late October 1949. The regiment's acting CO was Col LENIOVYEV who had commanded a regiment in MERSEBURG (A 52/D 91) up to October 1948. LENIOVYEV had allegedly commanded a unit in LUDWIGSLUST (A 54/T 53) for a year and a half up to the Fall of 1947. Col LENIOVYEV was seen in ALLENBURG riding in a large March sedan with [redacted]

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25 October 1949

e. Col LENIOVYEV was re-transferred to MERSEBURG.

8 November 1949

f. The Kaserne was still occupied by AT units of about 1,200 troops, including recruits. A high unit headquarters with about 30 officers was also stationed in the Kaserne.

3. The following officers were identified:

a. Col (LGB) KRILENKO, born 3 October 1897, allegedly political officer of the ALLENBURG military post, billeted at 26 Leipziger Strasse.

b. Maj NOVIKOV, political officer in the Artillerie Kaserne, billeted at 30 Leipziger Strasse.

c. 1st Lt Peter YATSEKOVSKI, instructor officer in the Artillerie Kaserne.

d. 2d Lt Boris ZARATOV, instructor officer in the Artillerie Kaserne.

e. 2d Lt Vasil BABUSHNIKOV, instructor officer in the Artillerie Kaserne.

4. It was learned that soldiers of the 1927 class were to be demobilized in late December 1949 and early January 1950.

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5. A large number of soldiers who had not been home for years were, if they had shown good conduct, sent on furlough in October 1949. Numerous officers also went home on a six-week leave during the same month. They were scheduled to return to ALTENBURG during the second half of December 1949.
6. Lt Col Valentin DeVIKLAZOV was chief of the ALTENBURG kommandatura.

Comments:

a. The report confirms the occupation of ALTENBURG by headquarters artillery units of the Eighth Gds Army.

b. [] reidentified for the first time since the Summer of 1947, confirms the ALTENBURG 372d AT Arty Regt of the 38th (?) AT Brig up to mid-July 1949. The numerical designation [] of the ALTENBURG AT brigade has not been definitely established.

c. Available information indicates that the ALTENBURG kasernes are occupied as follows:

(1) Alto Infanterie Kaserne:

(a) Component units of the 43rd Gds Gun Arty Brig.

(b) Component units of the 38th AT Arty Brig.

(2) Alte Artillerie Kaserne:

Component units of the 38th AT Arty Brig including the 372d AT Arty Regt []

d. The information contained in para 2.d and e indicates that Col LEMIOVYEV from HERSEBURG was acting CO of the AT regiment in the ALTENBURG Artillery Kaserne (372d AT Arty Regt) while the regimental commander was absent. This information evidences that the HERSEBURG AT artillery units and the ALTENBURG 38th AT Arty Brig are connected with each other.

It is assumed that component units of the 23th AT Arty Brig (presumably one regiment) are also stationed in HERSEBURG (266th AT Arty Regt? or the 379th AT Arty Regt?).

e. The high unit headquarters in the Artillerie Kaserne (see para 2, f) may be the Hq 38th AT Arty Brig.

f. The observations made on the two ALTENBURG kasernes over a long period of time again confirm that ALTENBURG artillery units held maneuvers at OMORNEF (Eighth Gds Army maneuvers grounds) as well as at the ALTENBURGOW artillery range (it is assumed that only component units of the 43rd Gds Gun Arty Brig went to ALTENBURGOW).

g. It is believed that the information on the discharge of the 1927 class (see para 4) may only affect troops in the Soviet Union. The troops serving with the occupation forces will not be demobilized so soon.

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h. The repeatedly mentioned 102-mm AT gun is the known 100-mm AT gun (with 22-foot long barrel, muzzle brake, dual tires and split-trail gun carriage) which is mostly observed with independent AT artillery units (GHQ units).

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